GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1314
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2002
PROTECTION OF HANDLOOM WORKERS .
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of handloom workers in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the handloom workers are facing difficulties due to downslide of the handloom industry; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to protect the handloom workers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) As per the latest available records with the Government of India, there are 65.51 lakh handloom workers in the country. The State-wise detail is annexed.

(b) There is no report about the downslide of the handloom industry.

(c) The Government of India has been implementing a number of schemes for the development of handloom sector and the welfare of handloom weavers throughout the country which include:

1. Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana

2. Mill Gate Price Scheme

3. Setting up of Marketing Complexes

4. Publicity and Exhibition Scheme

5. Development of Exportable Products and their Marketing
6. Work-shed-cum-Housing Scheme

7 Health Package Scheme

8. Group Insurance Scheme

9. Thrift Fund Scheme
10. Setting up of Enforcement Machinery
11. National Centre for Textile Design

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PART (a) OF REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1314 FOR ANSWER ON 08.03.2002:

S. No.	Name of state	No. of Handloom workers
1.	Andhra Pradesh	490616

2. Arunachal Pradesh 53473

3. Assam 2322268

4. Bihar 110732

5. Chattisgarh 28362
6. Delhi 6708

7 Goa 25

8. Gujarat 57936

9. Haryana 22810
10. Himachal Pradesh 65099
11. Jammu & Kashmir 51847
12. Jharkhand 56975
13 Karnataka 177562
14. Kerala 63153
15. Madhya Pradesh 27744
16 Maharashtra 80901
17. Manipur 462087
18. Meghalaya ## -
19. Mizoram ## -
20. Nagaland 126228
21. Orissa 246782
22. Pondicherry 7369
23. Punjab 13160
24. Rajasthan 71915
25. Sikkim 1228
26. Tamil Nadu 607675
27. Tripura 291761
28. Uttar Pradesh 401362
29. Uttaranchal 19322
30. West Bengal 686254
TOTAL 6551354

Data not received from Meghalaya & Mizoram.